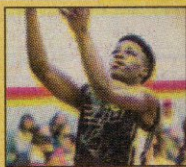


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Alabama experiencing widespread flu activity

Alabama is experiencing widespread influenza (flu) activity, and hospitals are at or over normal patient capacity due in large part to the number of patients presenting with seasonal influenza-like symptoms.

Late last week, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey declared a state of emergency due to this increased flu activity.

Hospital emergency departments and outpatient clinics are also seeing very high volumes of patients. At this time, this is not a pandemic flu situation, but a major seasonal flu situation.

To avoid getting and spreading the flu, the Alabama Department of Public Health urges the general public to follow do10 Fight the Flu actions, for example:

- Get flu vaccine, it is not too late
- Stay at home if you have a fever
- Wash your hands
- Cover your cough and sneeze
- Clean and disinfect
- Learn home care

Flu can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold.

The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches

- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, although this is more common in children than adults.

For people with mild to moderate flu or flu-like symptoms, do not go to the doctor's office without calling first and do not go to the emergency room. Call the doctor to see if eligible for antivirals without an appointment.

Many insurance companies now have a "call a provider" service to help with mild to moderate illnesses; please take advantage of this service before going to doctor or hospital.

Mild to moderate cases of the flu usually do not require a hospital visit.

Patients who do visit an emergency department or outpatient clinic should be aware of long wait times.

Employers and schools that require doctor excuses for absences are asked to waive this requirement during this time to encourage those who are sick to stay home and not spread disease.

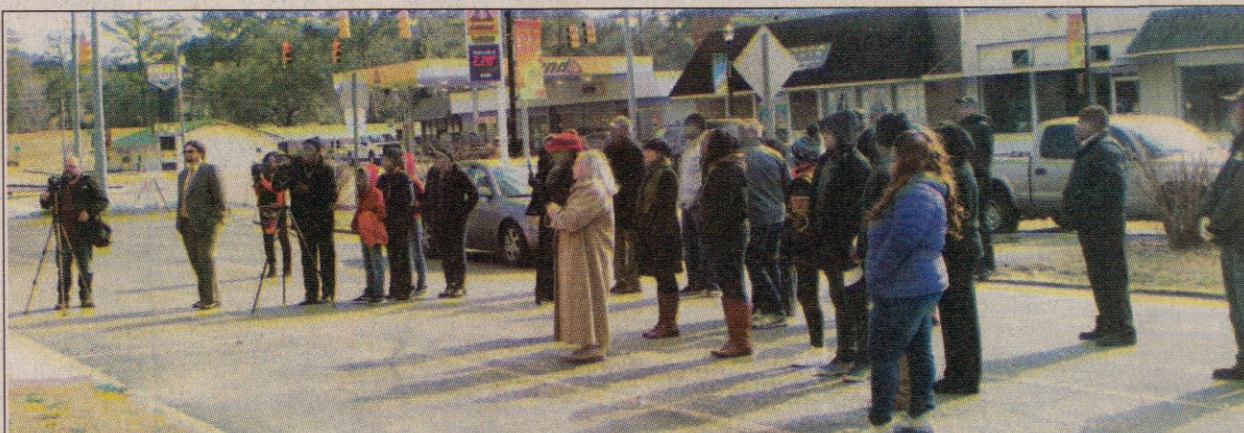
Visit alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization for more information on ways to avoid getting and spreading the flu and do10 Fight the Flu actions, go to <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/influenza/prevention.html> and flu disease and vaccine, go to http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assess/Influenza_Disease_and_Vac_Flyer.pdf.

Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrests man in Enterprise on meth charges

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Coffee County Sheriff's Department investigators were making a traffic stop on a vehicle at the intersection of Boll Weevil Circle and Alabama Highway 167 when officials said the driver of the vehicle threw out a bag of Meth (ICE) before coming to a stop in the Lowe's store parking lot in Enterprise.

The driver was identified as Kevin Larrubia, age 33. He was taken into custody and charged with drug trafficking and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said investigators also would like to thank the concerned citizen that assisted in the apprehension of this suspect.



Memorial March honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. held in Elba

A special program honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was held Saturday, Jan. 13, in Elba.

This special program held last Saturday morning began with a Memorial March that ended on the courthouse square in Elba. Those in attendance braved the cold weather to listen to special speakers during a program held on the courthouse steps following the march with the theme, "Keeping the Dream Alive."

On Monday, Jan. 15, the nation celebrated Dr. King's birthday and honored his legacy that remains today.



During special meeting held Thursday evening, Jan. 11th
Elba BOE members approve recommendation to terminate an employee

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Elba City School Board held a special called meeting at the request of Superintendent Chris Moseley to deal with a personnel issue.

The meeting had been scheduled earlier but was

postponed for technical reasons, allowing the employee ample time to respond to the charges.

The meeting was very brief, as this was the only issue on the agenda and the employee was not present. Moseley said the employee had been notified of the special meeting, and had not requested a hearing before the school board.

Moseley explained that he had conducted an investigation of the complaints received and determined the staff member's actions warranted disciplinary action.

Moseley reviewed the work history of the support staff member, citing being placed on administrative leave in August, and later receiving a 20-day without pay leave in September. Moseley said the employee had said she did not want a hearing and did not submit any verbal or written

explanation of the latest incident.

The school board voted unanimously to approve Moseley's recommendation for immediate termination of the support staff member.

The school board was set to meet Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting. The details from this meeting were not available as of press time this week.

ESCC hosting local high school basketball games in Lolley Gymnasium in Enterprise

Enterprise State College [ESCC] continues to host several local high school basketball teams during the month of January for their games.

"We are excited about hosting the local teams in our service area," said M a t t Rodgers, president of ESCC. "Our goal is to be our communities' college. We certainly want to provide a first class venue for our teams to come and compete."

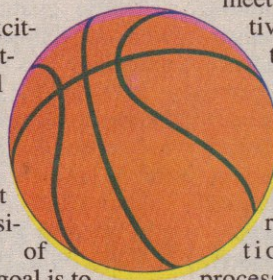
Upcoming games scheduled include: Kinston vs. New Brockton on Thursday, Jan. 18, at 4:30 p.m.; and Zion Chapel vs. Florala on Friday, Jan. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Both these

games also will be played in the Lolley Gym.

"It is our hope this will become an annual event," he said. "This also gives our staff the opportunity to meet and greet prospective students and their families."

Rodgers said informational tables would be set up in the lobby to include: registration/application process, financial aid, scholarships, program offerings and student activities.

"We have outstanding schools and students in our service area," said Rodgers. "Events such as these give us the chance to connect and provide valuable information about ESCC. We can't wait to see them on our campus."



NOTICE:

Beginning Monday, Jan. 22, the Coffee County Highway Department will begin replacing drainage pipes under County Road 479. Portions of CR 479 will be close from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan 22-Jan 25th. Officials note that weather delays could affect the projected closing dates for the project.

Silent auction to be held Monday, Jan. 22, through Tuesday, Feb. 6th

Student artwork donated to Elba band to help raise funds for Chicago trip

Elba City Schools' STEM 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) recently completed a project to benefit the Elba High School band program.

The CCLC art classes for 5th-9th and 2nd-4th grades were taught how to do an acrylic pouring on a 24 x 30 canvas by art teacher Carol Laney. The students in these classes decided to donate the paintings from this les-

son to the Elba High School Band to help raise money for the band's Chicago trip set for March.

"We are so thankful these kids thought about our band program and wanted to help us make the Chicago trip happen," said Elba High School band director Shaun Hammonds. "This was a really awesome donation on their part!"

Hammonds said a silent auction

would be held for the artwork. He said the auction link can be found on the "Official Elba High School Band" Facebook page beginning Monday, Jan. 22nd. Bidding will end Feb. 6th.

"Information on how to make a bid will be included with the Facebook post beginning Monday," said Hammonds. "The proceeds will go to help with travel costs towards our Chicago trip in March."



Elba City Schools' STEM 21st Century Community Learning Center students for grades 5th-9th and 2nd-4th are shown above with the artwork they created in art class. The students chose to donate the pieces of art to the Elba High band program to help raise funds for the program's March trip to Chicago, Ill. A silent auction will be held to raise the funds. Pictured with the students is art teacher Carol Laney and Elba High School band director Shaun Hammonds. Hammonds said the band is very thankful that the students were thoughtful enough to make such a donation.

Area Happenings

A LANDSCAPE PRUNING CLASS will be held in the Coffee County Community Room in New Brockton on Thursday, Feb. 1, from 9-11 a.m. Topics will include: the importance of pruning, tools for pruning, how to prune, amount to prune, when to prune, and pruning safety. There will be a hands-on demonstration for pruning trees and shrubs will be provided. This is a free workshop and open to the public. Pre-registration is through the Coffee County Extension office by calling (334) 894-5596 by Friday, Jan. 26th.

GOV. KAY IVEY DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LAST WEEK. At the time of the declaration, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) indicated it would be hosting flu shot clinics statewide. The Alabama Department of Public Health will be providing flu shot clinics at designated county health departments throughout Alabama. A list of locations, dates and times can be found at alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS PLANNED A SPECIAL MEETING for Thursday, Jan. 18, at 12 noon at the superintendent's office in Elba. Looking at the proposed agenda, the main topic for this meeting will be personnel.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Sometimes I wonder whether the world is being run by smart people who are putting us on or by imbeciles who really mean it." – Mark Twain

The false missile alert that was broadcast in Hawaii last Saturday morning (and another false alert in Japan two days later) should be a wake-up call to those responsible for manning the office with the "warning" and/or the "launch" button. Reports are that in the Saturday case someone going off duty accidentally bumped the alert button. Each of us can think of multiple negative results from these false alarms. We see one right here in South Alabama when tornado warning sirens are sounded. Time and time again it appears to be a false alarm because authorities are erring on the side of caution, or citizen safety. Yet all too many local citizens continue about their regular routine, citing previous alarms that amounted to a "false" alarm. As that mind set grows, the alerts have a negative impact and sooner or later the death of good citizens. Throw in the military aspect of missiles and you create the possibility of "shooting back" at a false alarm and creating a real, death-causing event. Major wars have been started over incidents of far less impact. We urge the powers-that-be to fix this before it is too late.

Should journalists be using profane language quotes and/or graphic photographs? There has been lots of chatter among religious leaders, journalism professors, editors, publishers, etc., of late, especially following the claims of a now famous Donald Trump comment about several foreign countries. Society has become more accustomed, and accepting of strong language during our lifetime but we still debate the level of that acceptance. Some 30-plus years ago a Harvard Divinity School professor designed a four-quadrant box to guide someone on should-we or should-we-not quote the exact words. It included, in this order: Facts, Values, Principles and Loyalties. It was designed to help decide the ethics of what was being quoted. A recommendation from the Poynter Institute (almost a bible for journalists) revised the four quadrant box with the following: Level of Profanity, News Value, Context and Standards of Practices. Each of the four topics assigns a number 1 to 5 from "Mild" to "Strong" and then they are totaled to find the answer. Neither of these formulas note the consideration of, "Is this a violation of community standards or what is expected from a particular news outlet". All the above is good but frankly we think good old common sense is better . . . if we can find enough common sense to get the job done.

It appears this is going to be a good year for educators and state employees. Governor Ivey is encouraging pay raises for these folks. Even with predictions of an increase in tax revenues, the pay raises still must compete with a number of other state funded departments for funds. Probably the largest of these is the prison system, followed by Medicaid. Ivey is right in her comments about these needed raises, but so are prison advocates and medical expense watchdogs. Add in the pressure for highway building and improvement, the ongoing shortage of state troopers and other law enforcement units and it gets a bit binding on the budget. Don't forget that higher education has absorbed funding cuts on top of funding cuts in recent state budgets and will be expecting their portion of the growing tax income . . . in spite of the flow of income several schools are experiencing from sport team successes.

Regardless of what is dominating the news cycle on any given day, the economy is always an issue on the minds of hardworking Alabamians.

The ability to get and keep a job in order to provide for your family is so important. That is why the President, Congress, and local leaders in Alabama have made growing the economy a top priority.

There is a lot of exciting news happening on the economic front both nationally and locally. America's economy is growing faster than even analysts could predict.

Alabama is one of thirteen states that have reached a record low unemployment rate, the stock market is at an all-time high, and the U.S. dollar continues to climb.

Successful business is the foundation to a healthy economy. A lot of people

don't realize that our effective tax rate for businesses was among the highest in the world before President Trump signed our historic tax reform bill into law.

Jobs were being sent overseas and our burdensome tax code was standing in the way of small business growth.

We've already seen the positive impact of tax reform on our economy and employees.

There has been \$1.66 billion and counting in new investments made by companies in the U.S. along with more than \$1.57 billion in publicly announced employee bonuses to date in response to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Employers like Waste Management, Regions Bank, and many

others have said that tax reform is the driving force behind their reinvestment and employee compensation.

Alabama has not been left behind in this economic boom, and Governor Ivey highlighted our growing economy in her State of the State address.

The Governor and local leaders announced that Toyota and Mazda, in a joint venture, have chosen to build a new plant right here in Alabama. The \$1.6 billion assembly plant will employ up to 4,000 workers. Alabama is already the fifth largest producer of cars and trucks in the U.S. with Hyundai in Montgomery, Mercedes-Benz in Tuscaloosa, and Honda in Lincoln.

There's no doubt that Alabama's proven success over the past two decades in automobile production made it stand out among the other states in the running.

In Alabama's Second Congressional District, Kimber Gun Manufacturing will be coming to Troy, bringing more than 360 new high-paying jobs to our community. In addition to the new jobs this development will bring, the company will invest more than \$38 million into our local economy over the span of five years. This is just one of many

businesses that have recognized our district's potential and are adding to our strong manufacturing presence.

As you may remember, last month Wayne Farms announced a large expansion of its Enterprise Fresh Processing Facility that will bring nearly 400 jobs to the area. Additionally, Shaw Industries Group, which employs more than 1,000 Alabamians, announced it is investing \$184 million into its Andalusia manufacturing facility.

The news that the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is coming to Montgomery's 187th Fighter Wing at Dannelly Field is also a tremendous boost to our area's economy. Landing this mission could result in as many as 1,000 jobs and as much as \$3 billion in capital investment – and that's just the beginning.

Americans are confident in our economy, and rightfully so. I'm proud of the many steps we have taken in Congress to unleash the private sector and roll back Obama-era rules and regulations that were standing in the way of growth. I will continue to fight for Alabama families and do all that I can to assist local and national efforts to keep this momentum going.

*** Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second Congressional District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama with her husband Riley and their two children.*



Martha Roby

LBWCC offers speakers

Any group that needs a speaker for their group or civic club meeting can select from the newly-established list of topics available through LBW Community College's Speakers Bureau.

"The speakers bureau provides a great opportunity for our faculty and staff to connect with those in our community," said LBWCC President Dr. Herb Riedel. "There is a wide assortment of topics on which college personnel have volunteered to share their expertise, enthusiasm, and experience with others."

The information can be found on the College's website at www.lbwcc.edu, said Renée LeMaire, public information officer and director of marketing.

"Once logged into the website, simply click on the 'About LBWCC' button at the top of the screen and you will see the 'Speakers Bureau' button

in the roll-out," she said. "There is information there on how to contact the presenter of the selected topic to ensure direct communication on the needs of the group, what the speaker can provide, and the logistics of the meeting date and place."

There are such topics as "Self-Defense," "Feral Pigs: Their Environmental Impacts, Sign, Edibility, and Hunting Techniques," "Health and Beauty Secrets," "Leadership Development," "Preparing Job Search Documents," and "When Both Ends of the Candle Burn Out," among others, she said. Every effort is made to keep topics current.

"We will continue adding new topics as identified by volunteers, and deleting those that become outdated," she said.

Visit www.lbwcc.edu for a current list of topics and more information on the LBWCC Speakers Bureau

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 8, investigated the following incidents: two for theft of property, one burglary, two menacing, one discharging a firearm into a dwelling, one attempted murder, one accident, two for harassment, one lost property, one domestic violence, and one indecent exposure.

Arrests made during the week included: one for failure to appear, and one for

menacing.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: one for speeding.

MONDAY, JAN. 8 – Domestic disturbance (verbal) reported at 567 County Rd. 502 (8:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 100 Beaver Dam Apts. (11:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 304 Factory Ave. (12:03 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 221 County Rd. 345 (4:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1123 Guyton St. (6:05 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 605 Mullins Circle (6:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 348 Tucker St. (8:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 771 County Rd. 455 (10:43 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 9 – Breaking and entering reported at 315 Adkinson St. (12:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to

4927 County Rd. 305 (8:11 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 14744 Hwy. 87 S (6:13 a.m.); Shooting reported at Rusty Gray's on Martin Luther King Dr. (12:35 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Rusty Gray's on Martin Luther King Dr. (12:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 82 County Rd. 358 (3:06 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JAN. 11 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1545 E. Davis St. (9:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 3 County Rd. 416 (8:33 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JAN. 12 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1289 Neil Grantham Dr. (4:31 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 3819 County Rd. 330 (8:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1937 County Rd. 306 (1:57 p.m.); Coffee County EMS

dispatched to 242 County Rd. 215 (3:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 285 County Rd. 239 (9:38 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JAN. 13 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 997 Carver Dr. (4:15 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JAN. 14 – Coffee County EMS dispatched to 30475 Hwy. 87 N (4:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1289 Neil Grantham Dr. (5:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2346 Hickman Ave. (11:52 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at the intersection of Guyton and Williams streets (3:10 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 957 Carver Dr. (6:26 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 407 County Rd. 107 (6:54 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 4727 County Rd. 305 (10:36 p.m.).

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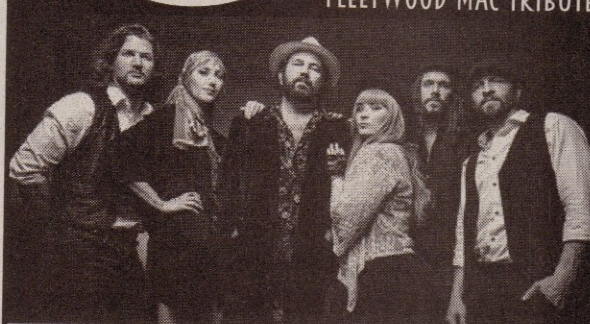
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly at <www.elba-clipper.com>

JAMES HUBERT KELLEY

Mr. James Hubert Kelley, age 80, of Geneva, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at Pittman Funeral Home in Geneva, with burial following in the Sunset Gardens Cemetery in Geneva.

Mr. Kelley was a native of Coffee County and worked for more than 30 years at Dorsey Trailers in Elba prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence & Madie Kelley, and a brother Reggie Kelley.

Survivors include his wife: Jeanette Kelley, Geneva; daughter: Betty Wingard (Dale), Mobile, Ala.; brother: Roland Kelley, Elba; sister: Karin Snellgrove (Rhett), Jack; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

DANNIE "YOGI" FOLMAR

Mr. Dannie "Yogi" Folmar, age 52, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2018 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

He was born August 12, 1965 in Opp, AL (Covington County) to the late Alice Murl Folmar. He attended Elba High School and played football (#44), basketball and baseball.

After graduating high school, he joined the National Guard and served for several years. Dannie was employed with the Alabama Department of Transportation.

He was the youngest child of Ms. Alice Folmar and the youngest grandchild of Mrs. Lizzie Head. Both preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son: Justin West; two sisters: Patricia Folmar, Athens, Ala., and Joyce (Robert) Hightower; one brother: Larry (Louvella) Folmar, Elba; three nephews: Curry (Aishah), Ozell (Tanisha), and Sterling; three great nephews; Will, Nick and Jace; one niece; Bridgett

(Roderick); great nieces; Nijah, Jasha, Dasha, Janiya, Zion, Laila and Nickya, and host of cousins and friends.

ELIZABETH ANN CHISM

Ms. Elizabeth Ann Chism, age 58, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, recently at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Coleman Funeral Home of Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Chism, fondly known by many as Ginny-Wasp, was born November 1, 1959 in Elba, to the late Ocie McKenzie and Eddie B. Stoudermire. She attended Elba High School and she was employed several years as a housekeeper at Beaver Dam Apartments, Elba.

Three brothers preceded her in death - Eddie Chism, Jessie Chism, and Victor McKenzie.

Survivors include two children: Jamie E. Griggs and Undrey K Chism, both of Elba; four sisters: Carolyn Crawford, Bettie Chism, Judy Chism, Jewell Pearson (Doug); three brothers: John Larry Chism (Tina), Willie Ray Chism and Kenneth Chism; a friend, Mae Gulley; cousins: James, Rusty, and Gray Sr.; six grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other cousins and friends.

MINNIE THOMAS

Ms. Minnie Thomas, age 66, of Enterprise, Ala., died Monday, January 1, 2018, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at The Church of Jesus Christ, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Minnie Thomas was born January 7, 1951 in Pike County to the late Jesse and Sarah Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Albert L. Smith

Survivors include seven brothers: Owen Smith (Cheryl) of Ga., R.Z. Smith (Corrine) of New York, Bishop James Wilson (Laura) of Enterprise, Gary Wilson (Shirley) of New York, Larry Wilson (Shun) of Enterprise, Allen Wilson and Robert Wilson of

Enterprise; one sister-in-law: Betty Smith, two special friends; Felisha and John; plus a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

January LANDMARK PARK EVENTS

JAN. 22 • ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER 6 p.m. Dinner for Dothan Landmarks Foundation members. Recap of 2017, new board members, and Volunteer of the Year and Heritage Award winners announced. Stokes Activity Barn. Advance tickets required. \$15 per person. Meal prepared by the Blue Plate Restaurant. Call 334-794-3452 for tickets.

JAN. 26 • PROJECT LEARNING TREE TRAINING 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Interpretive Center Auditorium. For classroom and homeschool teachers. \$40 per person, includes curriculum materials. \$10 lunch option. Call 334-794-3452 to register. Registration required.

JAN. 27 • SEED SWAP 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Ag Building. Hosted by Wiregrass Master Gardeners. Gardeners are encouraged to bring samples of their favorite seeds to exchange with others. The park is especially interested in obtaining heirloom seeds. Free with paid gate admission.

Wiregrass Cotton Expo slated for Feb. 2nd

The annual Wiregrass Cotton Expo is set for Friday, Feb. 2, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Alabama.

The cost-free expo will include an exhibitor show and various cotton management presentations from Alabama Extension specialists, seed companies, Florida's state climatologist and the Alabama Cotton Commission. The luncheon speaker is Dr. Don Shurley, an Extension economist with the University of Georgia.

Jessica Kelton, an Alabama Extension regional farm and agribusiness management agent, said workshops like this draw many area producers because they highlight things growers need to know in upcoming growing seasons.

"One of the main benefits to attending the expo—aside from the topics covered by the speakers—is

the opportunity to interact with vendors about new equipment and technology on the market," Kelton said.

Kelton said topics pertinent to the growing season include new pest control concerns, variety performance and weed control options.

Presentation topics at the Wiregrass Cotton Expo include:

- Cotton Irrigation Technologies
- Cotton Fertilizer Management
- Enlist and Extend Cotton Herbicide Technologies
- White Fly Management in Cotton
- Cotton Variety Selection
- Weather Forecasting
- Alabama Cotton Commission.

Alabama Extension crops specialist William Birdsong said the topics covered will help producers as they plan for the upcoming

ing cotton season.

"Each year is different and requires different strategies," Birdsong said. "Many growers learn from one another, therefore this forum gives them an opportunity to visit and dialogue with other growers while learning firsthand from scientists and research data in an environment where interaction is encouraged."

Speakers include Dr. Audrey Gamble, Cotton Fertilizer Management; Dr. Steve Li, Enlist and Extend Cotton Herbicide Technologies; Dr. Ron Smith, White Fly Management; Dr. David Zierden, Weather Forecasting; and Thomas Kirkland with the Alabama Cotton Commission.

For more information about the 2018 Expo, contact Birdsong at (334) 693-3800 or birdswc@auburn.edu, or Kelton at 334-693-3800 or keltoja@auburn.edu.

University of Mobile invites high school, transfer students to final preview days

University of Mobile invites prospective students and their families to attend one of the school-year's two final Preview Days on Feb. 26 and March 19.

Preview Days allow students a close-up look at the life of a college student. The event includes a campus tour, academic meet-

ings with faculty, lunch on campus, and informational sessions to learn about financial aid and campus security.

Additionally, any student who attends a Preview Day is entitled to a \$2,000 scholarship to University of Mobile upon enrollment.

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The family of Alma B. Davis would like to extend their thanks to Grace Fellowship Church, Bro. John, Paster, Bro. Derrick, singers and all the community for the showing of love and compassion during this difficult time in the loss of our Beloved Alma.

Jimmy Davis-Beloved Husband and her family

Card of Thanks

The **Family of David Taylor** extends our thanks to all our family and friends for the prayers, calls, texts, visits, flowers, food, and other acts of kindness shown to us during the sudden loss of our loved one.

Your expressions of love and care have helped us through this time of sorrow.

Glenda "Dot" Taylor and Family

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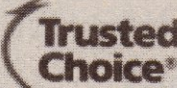
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LIFESTYLES

Coffee County Cattlemen's Association plans annual meeting for Jan. 19th in New Brockton

The Coffee County Cattlemen's association will hold its annual meeting and steak supper on Friday, Jan. 19, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton.

The meeting is open to all renewed, non-renewed, or interested persons. The cost to join or renew membership in the Coffee County Cattlemen's association is \$50 and can be paid at the door.

The membership dues include the annual steak supper, a yearlong subscription to Alabama

Cattlemen magazine, discounts at various businesses, programs available to youth, and much more.

The annual meeting will begin with pickin' and grinnin' at 5 p.m. followed by supper at 5:30 and the annual meeting and cake auction immediately thereafter.

Coffee County Cattlemen's Association President Chuck Tice invites anyone interested in the organization to attend the annual meeting.

"The annual meeting is a great opportunity to visit

with fellow cattlemen along with those supporting the organization, as well as elected officials and community leaders," he said.

Even if not a cattle owner, consider joining the Cattlemen's association. The Alabama Cattlemen's Association (ACA) has a long history of working to protect the right of the private property owner and works with regulatory agencies like ADEM.

Nationally, ACA works with the Alabama congressional delegation to support the elimination of the death tax which helps small businesses and property owners. ACA works to protect "current use" legislation, which keeps forestry and agricultural property taxes amongst the lowest in the nation.

ACA serves as a member of the Alabama Department of Transportation task force on improving your roads and highways and on a number of coalitions that work for pro-business laws, such as the Tort Reform. ACA also works closely with the Department of Conservation on hunting and fishing laws and regulation and other Ag organizations to enhance economic development in rural Alabama.

For more information on the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, contact Mr. Tice at 334-470-0984 or visit www.bamabeef.org.



INEZ LAMBERT WAS HONORED SATURDAY, JAN. 6, WITH A 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! The celebration was held at the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center in Jack, Ala., where many family and friends came and wished her well. Mrs. Lambert's 100th birthday was Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018!

Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District accepts scholarship applications

The Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a \$500.00 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association.

Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior, and living in the State of Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 3 Coffee County Complex, New Brockton, Ala.

Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 1, 2018.

For more information, contact Dorris Skipper 334-894-5581 #3/coffee@alconservationdistricts.org

Coffee County Extension office set as weigh-in site Jan. 23rd for ScaleBack Alabama event

The Alabama Cooperative Extension office/SNAP ED [Coffee County Extension Office], at 1055 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala., will be serving as a weigh-in site for the state's largest weight-loss and exercise program, Scale Back Alabama.

In its 12th year, the program has resulted in 1.35 million pounds lost and the continued establishment of healthy lifestyles. The 2018 contest starts next week.

Adults in teams of two can go online to scaleback-alabama.com/join to register for the free, 9-week program and then go to the Coffee County Extension Office in New Brockton to weigh in Tuesday, Jan. 23, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. All participants must be 18 years of age and older, live or work in Alabama and must weigh-in at an official site to be eligible to participate.

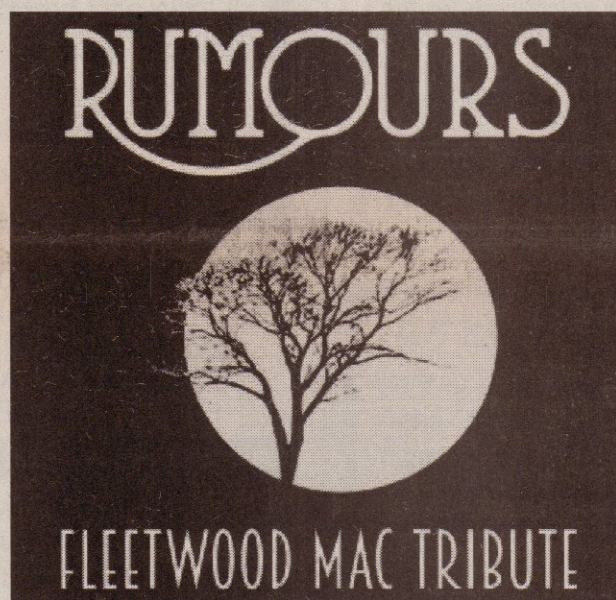
Those who lose at least 10 pounds will be included in a drawing for cash prizes on April 17.

"At SNAP-ED we know the importance of good health and also realize that

our community could use some healthy tips and encouragement," said SNAP-ED agent assistant Sheila Dorriety. "People working to lose weight are more successful with support and encouragement, and Scale Back Alabama offers a fun way to team up with another individual to get healthy."

Scale Back Alabama is a collaboration of the Alabama Hospital Association, the Alabama Department of Public Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

For more information, visit scalebackalabama.com or visit Scale Back Alabama's Facebook page.



Rumours of Fleetwood Mac, a Tribute Show, will perform Thursday, Jan. 18 [TONIGHT], in Elba at 7 p.m. The concert will be at the Elba High School auditorium, and it is sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance. Rumours is the country's premier Fleetwood Mac tribute band. Tickets are available in Elba at Interiors and Gifts by Bradley's and Wildflowers Florist & Gifts. Individual ticket prices are as follows: • Purchased in advance: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students; • Purchased the day of the event: \$30 for adults, \$23 for students.

Space heaters account for 43 percent of U.S. home heating fires and 85 percent of associated deaths

Keeping sufficiently warm during the winter months can prove challenging, particularly when frigid temperatures persist, as they have recently for much of the country.

While portable space heaters can help generate heat, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding the public that they do present potential fire hazards and must be used with caution. According to NFPA's latest U.S. Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment report, which was released this week, heating equipment is the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires and the third-leading cause of home fire deaths. More than half (53 percent) of all home heating fire deaths resulted from fires that began when heating equipment was too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

Between 2011 and 2015, portable and stationary space heaters accounted for more than two of every five (43 percent) U.S. home heating fires and five out of six (85 percent) home heating fire deaths.

Experts say space heaters should be placed a minimum of three feet away from anything that can burn, and must be turned off when people leave the room or go to sleep.

"Make sure children and pets are kept well away from space heaters at all times, and remember that space heaters should never be left unattended," said Carli. "When you're ready to go to sleep, it's time to turn off your space heater."

December, January and February are the leading months for home heating fires. The peak time of day for home heating equipment fires is between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (27 percent of fires), with another 20 percent occurring between 8:00 p.m. and midnight. The fewest fires occur between midnight and 8:00 a.m. (18 percent), but these fires caused almost half of the heating fire deaths.

Following are important home heating safety tips and recommendations:

- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool

before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

• Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

• Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

• Never use your oven to heat your home.

Friends of Enterprise Public Library plans book sale for Jan. 27

The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library is holding an *Owls About A Great Deal Book Sale* on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at the library.

Selected stock will be priced to go at 25¢. The library is located at 101 East Grubbs Street, Enterprise, AL.

Fiction and nonfiction hardback and paperback books for all ages will be on sale. Money raised by the Friends' book sales funds library projects such as the summer reading program, Camilla (ebook library), and new computers.

Bird workshops coming to Landmark Park

Landmark Park will offer two educational bird workshops this winter.

Learn about these fascinating and lovely creatures of flight found in our local forest as well as in your own backyard. All workshops begin at 10 a.m., are free with paid gate admission and will be presented in the Interpretive Center auditorium at the park.

Registration is required. Please call 334-794-3452 to register, or register online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Dr. Gary Manfreedy will be back to conduct the

Bluebird Workshop on January 20 featuring new and updated information based on the recent findings regarding bluebird populations in recent years.

He currently maintains four bluebird trails in Houston and Dale County including the one at Landmark Park and has a total of 75 boxes.

His main focus is on population numbers and successful fledgling numbers in diverse environmental habitats.

On January 27, Fred Bassett will present the popular program on Hummingbirds. Bassett is a licensed bird bander specializing in the banding of hummingbirds and is the president of Hummingbird Research. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and preservation of hummingbirds and neo-tropical migrants.

Fred Bassett is known throughout the southeast for his work with the "jewels of the air." He will share his extensive knowledge of this little bird along with facts about nesting habits, food and caring for the feeders, as well as its migration pattern.

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When You Need a Breakthrough

The sifting process is God's way of bringing us back to our first love and the call God has placed on our lives. This process is often painful, slowly but it cuts away everything that is unimportant. Jesus will cut everything out, especially the things you've learned to depend on and trust, so that you will return to Him. The question is not should I quit or continue in this process but "Is Jesus Enough for you and I?"

When you are in this season of questioning and searching, ask for direction from the Lord and return to Him. There are three principles that can help you grow and experience greater influence.

PRINCIPLE 1—LET THE BIBLE STUDY YOU. When you need to hear God's voice, circle back to His Word. Look at your time in the Word of God as a time for re-instilling the most basic discipline of all: a daily devotional time when you sit down before God's Word, not in order to study the Bible, but to let the Bible study you. Read Hebrews 4:12. There is much God wants to say if you are willing to listen, and there is only one book in the universe God has promised, unfaithfully to speak through. Press back in God's Word (the Holy Bible).

PRINCIPLE 2—COME TO GOD. When you come to God, come to Him without having the answers in hand. God cannot fill a vessel with Himself if that vessel is already filled with itself. Let Him know that apart from Him you do not know how to do anything. Read Matthew 5:3. People who are poor in spirit are open to having their hearts cleared from any blame, complaints, or faultfinding. The Lord says, "Just come to me as you are without any answers, I'll take care of the rest."

PRINCIPLE 3—WRITE IT DOWN. Read Habakkuk 2:2. When you come to listen to God, to meet Him in His Word (The Holy Bible), make sure you have a pen and paper. It's easy to forget what you experience or hear in these moments with the Lord. Writing down your thoughts, impressions and gleanings from Scripture will help tremendously as you try to summarize and interpret what the Holy Spirit is saying.

In the midst of sifting, hand over your life with reckless abandon and entrust your future to Jesus. Don't call it quits for the wrong reasons. Surrender to Jesus and He will bring about the breakthrough He wants for you, in His time and way. As you surrender to Jesus, He will do the leading.

Country Cathedral to sponsor Redbook Church Hymnal Singing Reunion Jan. 20

Country Cathedral is sponsoring a Redback Church Hymnal Singing Reunion Concert on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. The Choir will feature members of... The Disciples, Kings Four, The Old Timers QT., Ken Helms, The Hendersons, The Williamsons, The Pilgrims Qt., New Covenant Singers, The Senn Family, The Longworth Family, Lloyd,

Fowler & the Cavaliers, Crossroads Boys, Jeff Cain and The Samaritans, The Shining Lights, The Smith Family, The Dyess Family and more...

Those attending are urged to bring a Redback Church Hymnal.

Country Cathedral is located on U.S. Hwy 84 between Elba and Opp.

There is no admission charge. For more info call: 334-493-7413.

Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. plans 2018 ACTS Youth Conference

The 2018 ACTS Youth Conference for Harris Temple & New Jerusalem will be January 18-20, at Harris Temple COGIC, 747 Adams Avenue, Elba, Alabama.

On Thursday, January 18, services will begin at 7:00 pm with Elder Jerrel Allen of Huntsville, Ala. as guest speaker.

The Friday, January 19, services will begin at 7:00 pm with Elder Jason Meadows of Birmingham, Ala as guest speaker.

On Saturday, January 20, a special service will be held to honor the ACTS Youth Pastor, Elder Rodrick Caldwell. This service will begin at 6:00 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Elder Rodrick Caldwell at <334.390.1025>, Youth Pastor or Sister Adelia Russell or Youth Coordinator (Harris Temple) at 334.475.5690.

Women of Excellence Prayer Breakfast planned for Jan. 20th

The Women of Excellence Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, Jan. 20, at 9 a.m., at the Church of Progress, 3551 Salem Road, Enterprise, Ala.

The featured speaker will

be Prophetess Shevernelle Starks, and the visionary and host is Dr. Felisha Ford.

A \$10 donation will be taken for admission.

For more information, visit www.woeministry.org.

Attorney General comments on federal court dismissal of lawsuit challenging state's Voter ID Law

Attorney General Steve Marshall issued the following statement in reaction to the judgment against a federal lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Alabama's voter ID law.

U.S. District Judge L. Scott Coogler of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama ordered the lawsuit filed by Greater Birmingham Ministries, Alabama NAACP and individual plaintiffs against the State of Alabama be dismissed.

"Today's decision to dismiss the lawsuit is without a doubt the right decision," said Attorney General Marshall. "Alabama's voter identification law is one of the broadest in the nation with procedures in place to allow anyone who does not have a photo ID to obtain one. The court order makes this point exceedingly clear: '...a person who does not have a photo ID today is not prevented

from voting if he or she can easily get one, and it is so easy to get a photo ID in Alabama, no one is prevented from voting.'

"I am proud of the hard work of my Constitutional Defense attorneys who spent the last 15 months traveling this state interviewing dozens of witnesses including local election officials and private citizens who have fought voter fraud. Each of these individuals who volunteered their time to assist the State in gathering the facts deserves special recognition and our gratitude."

For anyone who would like a free voter photo ID in Alabama, please visit the Alabama Secretary of State's web site: <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/photo-voter-id/obtain-free-photo-voter-id>



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Psalm 24: 7-10

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a policeman in hot pursuit. The robber stopped behind a big tree until the pursuer came close, then shot him at point-blank range.

Very few of us have committed murder, but how many of us have done some trivial wrong and then lied about it? Whatever happened to the honest practice of admitting your wrong and taking the consequences?

Question/Answer Session Q/A for the week of 1-11-2018

(Q) Give the name of Moses' Father-in-Law
(A) Moses' Father-in-Law was named "Jethro" read: Exodus 3rd Chapter 1st V.

Thoughts to Remember

Jesus is the Light of the world; I must be a reflection of His Light.

Question for the week of 18-2018

(Q) What did God tell Moses that His name was?

Today is a good day!

Be grateful.

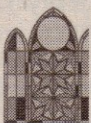
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Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor
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Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Tue. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
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Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.
Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EATON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

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Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Bro. Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service... 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland-Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

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Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Minister
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Elder James Starks Jr. - Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Shane Thompson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser - Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor - Lee Jones
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE A.M.E.
Rev. James Redding, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 12:00 a.m.
Noon Service... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser... 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor Donald Mills
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service... 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Rev. Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

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AG extends deadline for nominations of 2017 Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence

Attorney General Steve Marshall is extending the deadline for nominations of the 2017 Safe Schools Initiative Awards of Excellence until February 26.

The Attorney General's Office will honor private school winners from north, central and south Alabama, in addition to the winners from each of the state's eight public school board districts.

"These awards offer a valuable opportunity to honor schools that are succeeding with outstanding safety plans, to recognize procedures that work well and to encourage implementation of these methods throughout Alabama to keep our children safer," said Attorney General Marshall.

Attorney General Marshall plans to visit winning schools this spring to personally present the award in honor of each school's accomplishment. Applications will be accepted through February 26.

An application form with more information about criteria for the awards may be found at the Attorney General's website at <http://www.ago.state.al.us/Documents/File-Safe-Schools-Nomination-Form.pdf>.

The nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges.

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IN THE MATTER OF JOHN E. WHITE, Deceased

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO: PC 2017-087

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of January, 2018 by the Honorable, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of January, 2018.

/s/ Kieff Lambert
Personal Representative
 1-11,18,25-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

Carsenn Construction Company, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. ERPR-9010(992) in Barbour, Dale, Coffee and Pike Counties.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on January 18, 2018 and ending February 8, 2018. All claims should be filed at 2777 County Road 4421 Brundidge, AL 36010 during this period.

Carsenn Construction Company, Inc.
 Office 334-735-9662
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NOTICE

The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors is currently seeking bids for the lawn care and maintenance for the upcoming 2018 mowing season. All interested contractors are encouraged to go by the Elba City Hall to pick up a packet containing information and requirements to successfully submit a bid for this annual contract. All bids are required to be turned in to Elba City Hall no later than 5:00 PM on February 16, 2018. The Evergreen Cemetery Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

1/18, 1/25, 2/1&2/8-chg.

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SECTION 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Alabama will receive bids for the Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-3, IX, CFP Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-17, until 2:00 p.m., (Central Time) on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at the central office of the Elba Housing Authority, 1207 Claxton Avenue N, Elba, Alabama 36323, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of furnishing all plant, labor, materials, equipment and all services and performing and coordinating all operations for the Modernization of Public Housing Site AL107-3, IX, CFP Modernization Number AL09-P107-501-17. The Work of the base bid generally includes, but is not necessarily limited to kitchen renovations, bathroom renovations, floor tile and work incidental thereunto. Attention and reference is directed to the General Notes of the drawings.

Contract documents, including drawings and technical specifications, are on file at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, 1207 Claxton Avenue N, Elba, Alabama 36323 and The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull St., Suite 210, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

Copies of contract documents may be obtained by depositing \$200.00 with The Architectural Office of William J. Peek for each set of documents so obtained. Each such deposit will be refunded if the drawings and specifications are returned in good condition within ten days after bid opening.

Plans and specifications will be issued only to qualified contractors licensed by the State Licensing Board of General Contractors of Alabama as required by Title 34,

Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. Only bids of such contractors who are duly licensed will be considered. Current license number must be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid WILL NOT be accepted.

Bidders are requested to inspect the property and the buildings themselves, as well as operations and conditions that may be affected.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Housing Authority of the City of Elba or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and an acceptable surety company in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid. Acceptable Surety Companies are listed in the current issue of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Circular 570.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the contract documents must be paid on this project, and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Contractors are reminded that in accordance with State Law, Alabama General Contractor's licensing number shall be displayed on the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered or the bid will not be accepted. Each bid must include the Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders, 1992 Edition, Non-Collusive Affidavit and the Previous Participation Certificate signed by the bidder and on the correct HUD forms.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Housing Authority of the City of Elba for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders, prior to awarding the contract.

The Housing Authority of the City of Elba

By: Laurie Chapman
 Title: Executive Director
 Date: January 16, 2018
 1/18,25-2/1-chg

No downside to quitting tobacco, says A.D.P.H.

There is no downside to quitting tobacco, and the benefits are priceless.

The Alabama Department of Public Health offers free assistance to stop tobacco use through the Tobacco Quitline. The Quitline helps callers develop an individualized quit plan, offers coaching, and provides up to eight weeks of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) patches if the user is medically eligible and enrolled in the coaching program.

All services at the Quitline - 1-800-QUIT-NOW - are free to Alabama residents.

Within 20 minutes of quitting, heart rate and blood pressure drop. By the end of three months, circulation improves and lung function increases, according to the American Cancer Society. With a pack of cigarettes costing \$5 or more, quitting means more money to spend for other things.

Quitline services are

available every day from 6 a.m. to midnight, with calls placed after hours or on holidays returned the next business day. The Quitline schedules phone coaching sessions at the caller's convenience, according to Quitline Manager Julie Hare. Online services are available at QuitNowAlabama.com.

If the caller is eligible for NRT, it is mailed directly to the caller's home. Medicaid callers will be referred to Medicaid for their cessation medications.

"Because Medicaid pays for any of the seven FDA-approved cessation medications, we require Medicaid recipients to get their medications through Medicaid's program. We can, however, help their doctor with the authorization process," Hare said.

All callers enrolled in the program will be asked to set a quit date within 30 days and work with a coach to make a plan. Studies show the combination of coaching and medication

doubles the chances of being successful, she said.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. In Alabama, some 8,600 people die annually from tobacco use. Almost one-third of cancer deaths in Alabama are attributable to smoking, according to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

According to the 2016 Adult Tobacco Survey, more than 60 percent of Alabamians who smoke said they tried to quit at least once during the past year. It can take multiple attempts for a person to quit, Hare said.

For more information on quitting, contact the Quitline at 1-800-784-8669.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Follow safety precautions during cold weather emergencies

The Alabama Department of Public Health urges residents to take extra precautions during times of extremely cold weather.

When exposed to cold temperatures, our bodies begin to lose heat faster than it can be produced. This results in abnormally low body temperature called hypothermia. Hypothermia occurs when the body's core temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit, just a few degrees less than the normal body temperature.

Hypothermia makes people unable to think clearly or move well. Most hypothermia victims are older adults. As the body ages, its ability to maintain a constant internal temperature decreases.

Hypothermia risk is even greater when an older person has a chronic condition that affects the circulatory or neurologic systems, or the thyroid. When the core temperature falls, bodily functions shut down.

Knowing what to do in cold weather can help prevent hypothermia. To provide protection, older adults' living quarters should be heated to at least 65 degrees F, they should wear suitable clothing, have plenty of warm blankets available, and eat nutritionally balanced food.

Please check on elderly neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure they are keeping warm and discourage them from going outside if it is cold, especially if it is windy or wet.

In addition to advanced age, common risk factors for hypothermia are substance abuse and mental impairment. Certain commonly used drugs such as tranquilizers may contribute to the onset of hypothermia. Furthermore, many deaths from hypothermia are complicated by alcohol consumption, which can lead to dehydration and impaired judgment.

Everyone should remem-

ber to lower risks of cold-weather health problems and follow these recommendations:

- Dress in multiple layers to help retain body heat.
- Limit your time outdoors, and remove wet clothing immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia in babies, people drinking alcohol, and others.
- Call for emergency help immediately if you suspect someone has hypothermia, and keep the victim warm until assistance arrives.

Generator safety

During times of power outages following winter storms, many people use items that can produce carbon monoxide. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause flu-like symptoms and ultimately lead to coma and death. Exposure to odorless, colorless carbon monoxide is responsible for more fatal unintentional poisonings in the United States than any other agent. If a generator is used, be sure to follow these safety tips:

- Have a carbon monoxide monitor with fresh batteries in it and place it in the house high on a wall. Carbon monoxide is lighter than air and rises towards the ceiling.
- Place generators as far away from the home as possible. People have had carbon monoxide poisoning from generators as far away as 30 feet away from the house.
- Never hook up the generator to the home's normal wiring. Improper wiring of a home generator can create backfeed in the electrical wires to the house and could injure or kill utility workers repairing the electrical lines.

Many risks are associated with the use of fuel-burning appliances in enclosed or semi-enclosed areas. These include camping stoves, portable propane gas stoves and charcoal grills used in

enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces. The fumes are deadly.

Here are some other tips:

- Do not use a generator or appliances if they are wet.

- Do not store gasoline indoors where fumes could ignite.

- Use individual heavy-duty outdoor-rated cords to plug in other appliances.

- Do not turn on a stove for heat; it is not safe.

- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.

- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.

- Keep heat sources at least three feet away from furniture and draperies.

Food safety

As a general rule, a full upright or chest freezer will keep foods frozen for about two days without power. A partially full freezer will keep foods frozen for about one day. This time may be extended by keeping the door shut. A refrigerator will keep foods cool for four to six hours if the door is kept shut as much as possible.

Discard any thawed foods that have been at room temperature for more than two hours. Foods still containing ice crystals can be refrozen, although its quality may decrease. Foods that have thawed to refrigerator temperatures (that is, no more than 40 degrees F) can also be cooked and then refrozen.

For specific questions about a food or refrigeration condition, contact your local county health department or the Food Safety and Inspection Service's Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555 or 1-888-MP-HOTLINE (888-674-6854).

For more information on injury prevention, please visit the ADPH Web site at <http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/injuryprevention/>

set new record low

enced significant drops in their unemployment rates over the year," continued Washington. "Wilcox County, which traditionally has the highest unemployment rate in the state, has seen its rate drop by 5.7 percentage points since last year. 2017 marks the first time in a decade that all counties' unemployment rates have been in the single digits."

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.6%, Marshall and Cullman Counties at 3.0%, and Madison, Lee, and Elmore Counties at 3.1%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 9.3%, Clarke County at 6.7%, and Lowndes County at 6.4%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 2.4%, Homewood at 2.5%, and Alabaster and Hoover at 2.6%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Selma at 6.6%, Prichard at 6.5%, and Anniston and Bessemer at 4.9%.

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Second Grade: Logan Alexander Boyett, Zoie Angelina Cochran, Ava Elizabeth Coggins, Bryant Glenn Gatlin, Joseph Matthew Greenfield, Blakely Evan Jones, Samuel Greer Jones, Daniel Aiden Myers, Issabella Jayne Sanders, Blake Elliott Smith, Olivia Kate Stinson, Brock Anderson Taylor, Giuliana Rose Wyrosdick

Third Grade: Eva Jade Barnett, Aubrey Alisa Bassett, Macileigh Sidney Bragg, Abigail Eden Carnley, Gabrielle Hope Davis, Paisley Marie Dillard, Makayla Noel Jaishay Harley, Sebastian Alexander Isaacs, Khloe Isabella Jones, Caroline Jane Jordan, Rylee Elizabeth Leverett, Gavyn Dee Moore, Thomas Albert Oggs, Johnny Tucker Powell, Michael Eli Richardson, Cailyn Brooke Sanders, Charlotte Michelle Sanders, Lauren Elizabeth Sanders, Parker Ellis Sanford, Annslea Rose Taylor, Rylee Laine White, Addison Lynn Wise

Fourth Grade: Alyssa Faith Allen, Ethan Daniel Ard, Brayden Anderson Benbow, Sydney Rosson Boothe, Joeb Thomas Manaokamai Bradley, Colby Stephenson Bragg, Hagan Zane Cochran Dylan James Davis, Zachary Evan English, Virginia Elizabeth Faircloth, John Foster Vincent Hamm, Lana Jordan Jones, Kelsey Destini Danielle LeGear, Nathan Douglas Smith, Kristin Elizabeth Tompkins, Katelyn Rebecca Voss

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Governor says November unemployment

Governor Kay Ivey announced that Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted November unemployment rate set a new record low of 3.5%, down from October's previous record setting rate of 3.6%, and well below November 2016's rate of 6.2%.

November's rate represents 75,807 unemployed persons, also a new record low, compared to 77,231 in October and 136,135 in November 2016. More people were counted as employed in November, with 2,087,667 people working, up from 2,079,720 in October, and 40,152 more than in November 2016, when 2,047,515 were counted as employed.

"It was just last month when we reached the extraordinary milestone of breaking all previous unemployment rate records, but now just a month later the trend continues and we have once again broken those records," Governor Ivey said. "This continued historic decline in our unemployment rate, coupled with the fact that Alabama's businesses are employing more Alabamians than ever before, shows that we are truly moving forward and proving to everyone that Alabama is a great place to live and do business."

"We have 30,500 more jobs now than we did last year, over 40,000 more people are working, and the number of unemployed has dropped by over 60,000 from last year – the fewest number of people counted as unemployed in Alabama history! We will continue our work to ensure that any Alabamian who wants a job, can find one," Governor Ivey continued.

"Our construction employment, currently measuring 91,500, is at one of its highest levels in more than eight years," said

Fitzgerald Washington, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Labor. "Construction employment is an indicator of economic stability, and we have seen a steady increase in construction employment for most of this year. Additionally, our manufacturing employment is at its highest level in nearly nine years, nearing 2008 levels, which are pre-recessionary in Alabama."

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased by 30,500, increasing to 2,029,800, the highest number ever recorded, with gains in the construction sector (+6,600), the manufacturing sector (+5,600), and the leisure and hospitality sector (+5,200), among others.

Wage and salary employment increased in November by 6,700. Monthly gains were seen in the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+6,200), the government sector (+1,800), and the manufacturing sector (+400), among others.

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson is learning to read and has already read over 100 books at school to join the '50 Point' club. The little man reads whatever he can during commercials on television, on billboards heading down the road and often times even tries to help his 'ole granddaddy read the newspaper. Yep, he is growing up fast!

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers continued their recent winning ways** and took control in the area standings with a big 74-13 area win last week over the outmanned Zion Chapel Rebels. The Tigers got off to a slow start this season and had their fans scratching their heads, but have come on fast in recent weeks and with recent wins over New Brockton and Zion Chapel are in command as they try to defend their area title. Jeremiah 'Jay' Jordan was in the spotlight in the easy win over Zion Chapel as he drained a total of seven 3-pointers in the big win, and if he can stay hot, he and Alex Wright can provide the Tigers with a dynamic 1-2 punch. Hey, the fun may have just started here in Elba.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers also claimed a lopsided win** up at Zion Chapel and at the midway point in the area schedule are in command. The Lady Tigers settled for a second place finish in the area a year ago to the Lady Rebels, but made it clear last week that they are back and are the team to beat. Elba had four players score in double figures in the road win over Zion Chapel, and if it can get balanced scoring from almost the entire starting lineup, the Lady Tigers could be a team to watch late in the season.

*** **A look around the area** found things pretty much as expected at all the area gyms. In boys play, New Brockton grabbed its first win of the season with a big victory over Zion Chapel, while Brantley pretty much locked down the number two seed in its area with a big win over Red Level, and Kinston played well in a win over Highland Home and a four quarter battle against Houston County. With two weeks left in the regular season it looks like Brantley and New Brockton should both be teams to watch come tournament time, while Kinston has to be considered the team most likely to pull off a surprise. Over with the girls, Brantley moved into a tie for the area lead with an exciting win over Georgiana, while Kinston again proved it could hold its own with anybody on the schedule and Zion Chapel showed it is a solid #2 pick in its area, ahead of New Brockton. Brantley and Zion Chapel appears to be the best bets to advance out of the area tournaments, while Kinston is more than capable of making it fun in the post-season.

*** **In closing....** I read prior to this year's Peach Bowl that an Auburn win would give the Tigers their seventh 11-win season in the history of the program. Since Alabama has recorded 11 wins or more in nine of the last ten years that figure seemed a little strange, but after doing a little research I discovered that Auburn had posted only five 11-plus win seasons since way back in 1993. I also read up on Auburn coach Gus Malzahn since he got a new \$49 million contract extension, and found out that in his five seasons at the 'plains' he has an overall record of 45-22 and one SEC crown. While it is true the Tigers have averaged nine wins per season while riding the 'Gus Bus,' they have managed only one season with less than four losses and have won only one bowl game. I guess money is no object when it comes to coaching at the college level.

High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Jan. 18

Kinston vs. New Brockton (ESCC)
McKenzie at Brantley
Highland Home at Red Level
G.W. Long at Ariton
Goshen at Central
Calhoun at Luverne
Daleville at Pike County

Friday, Jan. 19

Zion Chapel at Elba
Houston Co. at Florala
W.S. Neal at Georgiana
Samson at Geneva Co.
Carroll at Eufaula
Enterprise at Prattville
Brantley at Luverne
Dale Co. at Ariton
Opp at Geneva
Slocomb at Straughn
Northview at Dothan

Saturday, Jan. 20

Opp at Elba
Andalusia at Florala
Greenville at Georgiana
Dothan at Daleville
Wicksburg at Pike Co.
Northview at Enterprise

Monday, Jan. 22

Elba at Straughn
Freeport at Kinston
Brantley at Red Level
Daleville at Carroll
Luverne at Opp

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Brantley at Kinston
Georgiana at Red Level
Cottonwood at Geneva Co.
Greenville at Luverne
W.S. Neal at Andalusia
New Brockton at Zion Chapel
Barbour Co. at Ariton
Goshen at Calhoun
Geneva at Slocomb
Enterprise at Jeff Davis

Thursday, Jan. 25

Red Level at Highland Home
Brantley at McKenzie
Straughn at Georgiana
Ariton at Zion Chapel
Goshen at Pike County
Barbour Co. at Carroll

Grab area win

Tigers wallop Zion Chapel 74-13

The Elba Tigers continued their recent winning ways and remained atop the area standings last week with a lopsided 74-13 romp past the Zion Chapel Rebels, at Zion Chapel.

The Tigers came out on fire against their cross-county rivals and used a trio of 3-pointers by Jay Jordan and six points from Alex Wright to race out to an early 23-6 lead. Jordan added his fourth 3-pointer of the half and Wright continued to dominate inside in the second quarter as Elba carried a 36-9 lead in at the half, and the Tigers never missed a beat in the third quarter as Jordan added 13 points, including nine points on three more 3-pointers, and Elba outscored the Rebels 25-2 to open up a lopsided 61-11 advantage heading into the final stanza. Six players scored for the Tigers in the fourth quarter and Zion Chapel managed only one basket as Elba rolled to the big 74-13 win.

Jay Jordan scored 27 points to lead Elba and Alex Wright added 13, while Dukes led the Rebels with 6 points.

Elba (74): K. Jordan 2, Wilson 3, Ware 2, Caldwell 8, Sams 3, Singletary 4,

Tillis 7, J. Jordan 27, Wright 13, Fitzpatrick 2, Roberson 4, Hill 2.

Z.C. (13): Senn 3, Cardwell 3, Dukes 6, McCrory 1.

(JV Game)

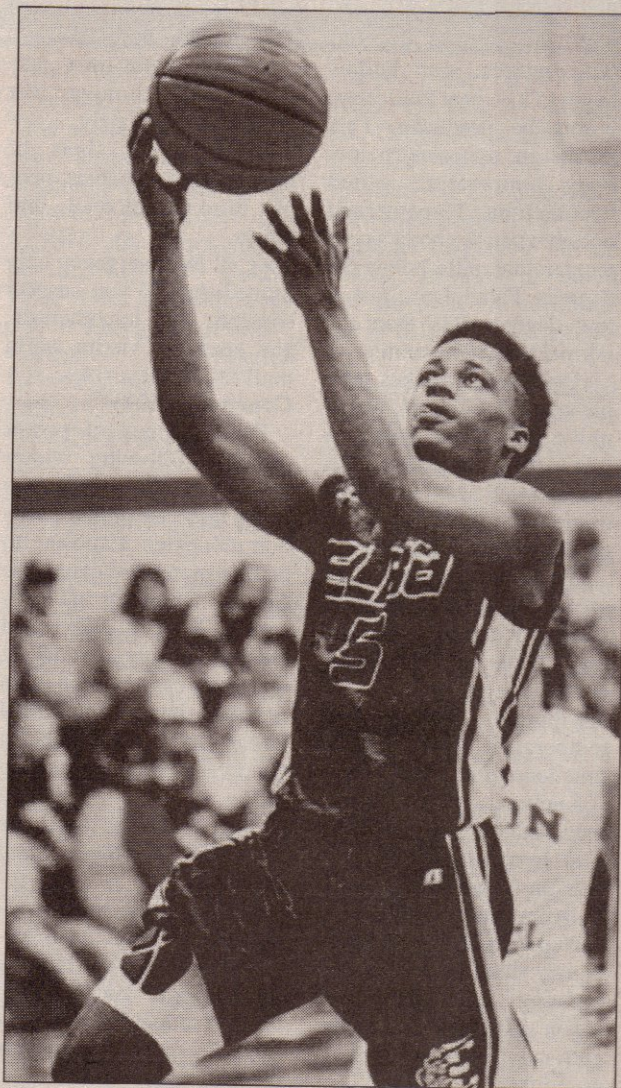
The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to claim a 43-34 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Collin Harrison poured in eight points in the opening quarter to help the Tigers open up an 11-6 lead, while Logan Medlock drilled a pair of 3-pointers in the second quarter as the Tigers carried a 24-15 lead in at the half. Jacquez Prince led Elba in the third quarter with four points as its lead grew to 36-24, and the Tigers held on late to post the 43-34 road win.

Collin Harrison scored 13 points and Logan Medlock added 9 to lead Elba, while Heap scored 13 points to lead the Rebels.

Elba (43): Harrison 13, Prince 8, Carnley 3, Sanders 6, Thomas 3, Terry 1, Medlock 9.

Z.C. (34): Watson 2, Brayden 3, Heap 13, Hutchinson 4, Anderson 3, Bragg 3, Kelley 6.



Elba Tiger Gavin Caldwell (5) drives to the basket for a layup in last week's 74-13 area win over Zion Chapel.

(Mike Capps photo)

High School BASKETBALL BRIEFS

BOYS:

Brantley Bulldogs hammer Red Level 82-49

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy in a big 82-49 area win over the Red Level Tigers. Eighth-grader Tucker Kilcrease scored 23 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Parker Driggers added 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Kinston Bulldogs edged by Eagles 45-38

The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 45-38 area loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. Jacob Wood scored 18 points and Hunter Davis added 12 to lead the Bulldogs, while Robert Scott scored 21 points and Nick Woods added 13 for the Eagles.

Brantley Bulldogs outscored by Panthers 74-54

The Brantley Bulldogs dropped a 74-54 area contest to the Georgiana Panthers. Parker Driggers scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Ja'Michael Stallworth led the Panthers with 24 points.

New Brockton falls to Wicksburg 52-45

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 52-45 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Jayce Turvin scored 18 points to lead the Panthers, while Jett Beals added 11 and Kade Daniels scored 10.

Kinston Bulldogs ground Squadron 56-42

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never lost command in a solid 56-42 win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Jacob Wood scored 23 points to lead the Bulldogs and Hunter Davis added 14, while Donaven Robertson scored 14 points to lead the Squadron.

Kinston Bulldogs clawed by Lions 49-44

The Kinston Bulldogs battled until the final horn in a 49-44 homecourt loss to the Houston County Lions. Hunter Davis scored 19 points and Jacob Wood added 17 to lead the Bulldogs, while Zydarian Brown led the Lions with 14 points.

GIRLS:

Brantley Lady Bulldogs coast to 52-25 win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat the Red Level Lady Tigers 52-25. Olivia Jones and Cassidy Wilcox scored 13 points, apiece, to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Wicksburg 46-16

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks lost to the Wicksburg Lady Panthers 46-16. Kara Cox scored 12 points to lead Wicksburg, while Stevie Henderson and Tori Hobbs added 8 points, apiece.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs grab 56-50 area win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs moved into a tie for the top spot in the area standings with an exciting 56-50 win over the Georgiana Lady Panthers. Olivia Jones scored 15 points and Cassidy Wilcox added 14 to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Tenasia Gordon led Georgiana with 18 points.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs roll to big 45-32 win

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 45-32 win over Highland Home. Courtney Lunsford scored 21 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Emilee Patterson added 8 points and Addison Musgrove scored 7.

Lady Tigers roll over Zion Chapel 52-23

The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 5-3 and moved all alone atop the area standings with a 2-0 slate last Friday night with an impressive 52-23 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels.

A'Maysia Whitfield

scored 17 points to spark the Lady Tigers, while Sandra Lindsey added 14, Breanna Sanders added 12 and Kira Starks scored 7 points. Willow Johnson scored 5 points and Janna Miles added 4 to lead the Lady Rebels.



Elba Lady Tiger A'Maysia Whitfield scored a season-high 17 points last week in a 52-23 area win over Zion Chapel.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba's Isabella Jackson competing this weekend in Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama scholarship program in Montgomery, Ala

The Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama is part of a national scholarship program, where, this week, local representative, Isabella Jackson of Elba, Alabama is participating and competing for thousands of cash and college scholarships.

Jackson is with the other county winners this week as they prepare for the public event this weekend (Friday and Saturday) at Frazier United Methodist Church in Montgomery. The winner of this state event will represent Alabama in the nation competition, which will be held in Mobile, Alabama.

"I encourage young girls and their families to support Isabella in Montgomery. It's an energetic and inspiring weekend for both participants and the audience. It also gives local young women an idea of what to expect as they approach their opportunity to compete their junior year." Committee chairman, Connie Harrelson, of Enterprise, Alabama shared, "At the conclusion of the state program, we immediately gear up for The Class of 2019. We are excited to announce two local programs, DYW of Coffee County and Dale County, will have an informational meeting February 4, 2018, at St. Luke's United Method Church, in Enterprise at 1:30 p.m."

The annual Distinguished Young Woman of Alabama hosts a representative from each county in the state. These young women are in the top percentage of their senior class in high school.

They spend ten days in Montgomery, culminating into a final showcase that awards college and cash scholarships to further their educational pursuits. Five areas of competition are evaluated: Interview - 25%, Scholastics - 25%, Talent - 20%, Self-Expression - 15%, and Fitness - 15%. Interview and Scholastics are determined before the Showcase takes place on Friday and Saturday.

These are also the categories for the local level as well. The State Program will have three performances January 19 & 20, 2018, at Frazier United Methodist Church-Wesley Hall, 6000 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36117.

Isabella Jackson will be performing her talent, a contemporary dance, on Friday evening, January 19th. She will compete in the Fitness and Self-



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Top tellers return for Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival

Everybody's got a tale but no better tales will be told than those told at the 2018 Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival on January 26 and 27 at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundage and the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University.

Donald Davis, Josh Goforth, Tim Lowry and Elizabeth Ellis will headline this year's festival. All four are favorite tellers at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Donald Davis is the Dean of Storytelling. No matter how many times you hear him, he's even better than the last.

Josh Goforth, a Grammy nominee, has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry and at Carnegie Hall.

Tim Lowry serves up genuine Southern hospitality as refreshing as cold, sweet tea.

Elizabeth Ellis delivers down-home wisdom with

program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. The program has provided life-changing experience for more than 745,000 young women and more than \$104,000 million in cash scholarships has been awarded at the local, state and national levels combined.

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The Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival will open to a sold-out audience at the We Piddle Around Theater on Friday night, January 26.

The festival will continue on Saturday, January 27 with three storytelling concerts at 10 a.m. (\$10), 2 p.m. (\$15) and 6:30 p.m. (\$10) at the Trojan Center Theater on the campus of Troy University.

Pre-show music will be by The Benton Brothers & Company, The Lighthouse String Ensemble and The Hendersons. The music will begin 30 minutes prior to the storytelling concerts.

Tickets are available by calling 334-344-9427 or 670-6302 or 685-5524. Tickets are also available at The Messenger on South Brundidge Street in Troy.

NOTICE:

Beginning Monday, Jan. 22, the Coffee County Highway Department will begin replacing drainage pipes under County Road 479. Portions of CR 479 will be close from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan 22-Jan 25th. Officials note that weather delays could affect the projected closing dates for the project.

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NEW HOPE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER SENIORS OF THE MONTH



Mrs. Mary Carpenter is 83-years-young! She is the "Home Recipient" of the Month for January at the New Hope Senior Citizens Center. She is the mother of two children, Ronnie Kelley and Tammy Carr. She also is the proud grandmother of four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Her favorite TV shows are Survivor and Big Brother. Mrs. Carpenter enjoys spending time with her family and watching hummingbirds. She is a member of Victoria Baptist Church. She has been a member of the New Hope Senior Center since 2014. Congrats to Mrs. Mary Carpenter for being selected as the "Home Recipient" for January 2018!



Mrs. Onie Davis is 82-years-young! She is the "Volunteer of the Month" for the New Hope Senior Citizens Center. She is married to James Davis and they celebrate 33 years of marriage. She is the mother of five children and 25 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Davis is a member of St. John Baptist Church. Her hobbies include fishing and gardening. She has served as the Advisory Council representative (SARCOA) for the New Hope Senior Center for 20 years. Congrats to Mrs. Onie Davis on being selected the New Hope Senior Center's "Volunteer of the Month" for January 2018.

Public hearing set for Monday, Jan. 22, at Elba City Hall to discuss possible grant application

A public hearing will be held Monday, Jan. 22, at Elba City Hall at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of Elba applying for a Land and Water Conservation Grant through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

According to ADECA's website, "The U.S. Department of Interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund pro-

vides funding to Alabama cities and counties for the development or establishment of outdoor recreational areas. Projects include parks, playgrounds, forest and wildlife refuges, recreational lakes and ponds, outdoor playing fields, picnic and camping area."

According to Elba recreation director Greg Hanchey, Monday's meeting is being held to not only

discuss applying for the grant but to also discuss what the grant should be designated for if it is received.

He said the possibilities could include funding for work on facility upgrades at Elba's ball fields, including Hawkins-Williams Park.

Elba residents are urged to attend the meeting as well as have their voices heard on the possibilities.

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